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Application of BLOOMBERG *et al.*
10/081,132
Docket No. 3524/52

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: BLOOMBERG *et al.*
Serial No.: 10/081,132
Filed: February 21, 2002
Title: COMPUTER TERMINALS BIOMETRICALLY ENABLED FOR
NETWORK FUNCTIONS AND VOICE COMMUNICATIONS

Examiner: R. Persino Group Art Unit: 2682

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RESPONSE TO MARCH 31, 2004 OFFICE ACTION

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated March 31, 2004, which imposed a restriction requirement on this application.

Applicants provisionally elect Group I (claims 1-12) for prosecution, and request reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for the reason presented below. Election is made without admission, and without prejudice to Applicants' right to file divisional applications on, or otherwise prosecute, the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

The Examiner has already conducted a search or searches for all of the subject matter of the pending claims, and has already examined all of the subject matter of the pending claims on the merits. The subject matter of the claims, as such subject matter relates to the restriction requirement, has not changed since before the Examiner's search or searches and examination on the merits.

Applicants have fully responded to the Office Action in respect of all of the claimed subject matter. It is submitted that there has been no change in position by the Applicants that triggers a need for a restriction requirement. The Examiner, having made